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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

1. WOULD IT BE FEASIBLE TO PROD THE MFA FOR A RESPONSE TO APPROACH ON KIEV PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO STATE 197792? WE ASK BECAUSE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO US IN OUR EFFORTS--THUS FAR UNSUCCESSFUL--TO GET FBO TO STAFF OUT THE SPACE IN THE REYTARSKAYA PROPERTIES TO HAVE SOME FLAVOR OF THE SOVIET RESPONSE AND THE EMBASSY'S BEST ESTIMATE OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER OFFERS.

2. RE BELOUSOVITCH SLOT, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT HE WILL FILL NEW POSITION NOW OCCUPIED BY PRESEL AND THERE WILL BE A LITTLE DOUBLE INCUMBENCY INVOLVED UNTIL GRAVES LEAVES AND COMBS MOVES TO HIS SLOT, BUT ASSUMING THAT GRAVES STILL PLANS TO KEEP TO HIS JAN. 1 ETD WE DONT HEAR ANY BLEATS FROM THE PERSONNEL PEOPLE (AND DONT PLAN TO QUESTION THEM TOO CLOSELY ON IT).

3. A REPLY TO STATE 200518 ABOUT THE VISA CASE OF THE TASS
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CORRESPONDENT ANDREYNEV, SIMPLY STATING THAT YOU HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT HIM, WOULD SERVE TO GET THE BALL BACK IN THE DEPARTMENT'S COURT. ANYTHING EMBASSY CAN SAY ABOUT HIS

JOURNALISTIC BONA FIDES WOULD OF COURSE BE HELPFUL.

4. IS THERE ANYTHING THE AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE US TO SET UP IN ADVANCE FOR HIS CONSULTATIONS HERE?

5. WHEN YOU RECEIVE MY LETTER OF AUGUST 29 ON THE SIGNAL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE--EVEN IF NEGATIVE--AS SOON AS THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE IN THE EMBASSY GET TO IT. WE ARE WORKING UP TO SOME ACTION ON THE BROADER ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM, BUT NOTHING WILL BE DONE BEFORE WE DISCUSS IT HERE WITH THE AMBASSADOR. ROBINSON

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